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SUBJECT: VISA DENIAL TO MP

1. LARS ROAR LANGSLET, CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF STORTING
(PARLIAMENT) WAS DENIED VISA FOR ENTRY INTO SOVIET UNION
DEC. 16 TO ATTEND IN MOSCOW SYMPOSIUM ON PLIGHT OF RUSSIAN
JEWS. IN ITS NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY (LANGSLET'S APPLICATION
HAD BEEN FORWARDED THROUGH FONMIN), SOVIET EMBASSY SAID THEY
HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A SYMPOSIUM. A PRIEST AND A JEWISH
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PSYCHIATRIST WHO HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND SAME MEETING WERE ALSO
TURNED DOWN.

2. NEWSPAPER REPORT DEC. 17 INDICATES THAT LANGLET CONSIDERS
MATTER CLOSED AND WILL TAKE NO FURTHER STEPS, WHILE EMBOFF
WAS TOLD BY BEATE ALVEGARD, FONMIN ACTING CHIEF OF EAST

EUROPEAN OFFICE, THAT GON PLANS NO ACTION EITHER.

3. LANGSLET IS FOURTH STORTINGSMAN TO BE DENIED SOVIET VISA THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION JOURNALIST FROM LEADING OSLO DAILY AFTENPOSTEN WAS REFUSED ENTRY SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

4. ALVEGARD WHOSE OFFICE ALSO HANDLES CSCE, INDICATED SOME DISSATISFACTION TO EMBOFF WITH GON'S INACTION IN THESE CASES WHICH SHE CHARACTERIZED AS CLEAR CONTRADICTIONS OF CSCE INTENT. SHE REQUESTED IPS ARTICLE BY CANDIS AGNORE REPORTING REFUSAL OF EIGHT U.S. PROFESSORS AND EXPRESSED ENVY FOR WAY U.S. LEGISLATIVE/EXECUTIVE COMMISSION CAN BROADEN AND QUICKEN RESPONSE ON CSCE ITEMS.

5. COMMENT: STORTING IS NOW IN CHRISTMAS RECESS, BUT AFTER JAN. 6 RECONVENING WOULD SEEM PROBABLE THAT GON'S LACK OF INITIATIVE IN VISA CASES WILL FIGURE IN FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE PARTICULARLY IN CSCE CONTEXT WITH PREPARTATIONS FOR BELGRADE MEETING UNDER CONSIDERATION.
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